

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
(27 May – 2 June 2021)

HOT TOPICS

Non-responsive by Agreement

Discussions Related to Deep Ocean DDT Disposal off Southern California Coast (CA)

- Last week, we joined NOAA to brief the offices of Senators Feinstein and Padilla regarding 14 documented deep-water ocean disposal sites off the Southern California coast that received chemical, refinery, and other wastes from a variety of sources between the 1930's and the 1960's. We summarized our efforts and emphasized the complexity of any investigation or cleanup actions at this depth. The Senators' staff are interested in multi-agency actions, particularly in additional field work by NOAA.
- We are continuing to convene senior leaders from federal and state agencies to discuss these sites, with the next cross-agency meeting planned for early June.
- We are likely to join NOAA for a briefing to House Natural Resources Committee minority staff and are in touch with CalEPA about a possible joint op-ed on this issue.

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UPCOMING MAJOR DECISIONS AND EVENTS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) UPDATES

Nothing to Report.